

TOP SECRET

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R000500100001-5

24 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Suggested Answer to Soviet Protests re Reconnaissance Photography

IN CASE : 461L recon package should fall into Soviet hands and a protest ensue the following course of action might be desirable. (It is reasonable to suppose that Soviets would object to photography per se, invasion of air space and possibly that balloon vehicle could be used to carry weapons.)

1. Reply that the USSR began the business with Sputniks I and II which could indeed be used as espionage vehicles and certainly could be adapted to ICBM use, i.e., taken in conjunction with Khrushchev's hearty speeches of being able to hit any place on earth with a rocket, the USSR was scarcely demonstrating peaceful intent.

2. That instead of, as the Soviets have accused, violating their air space by military or other aircraft, we have carefully refrained from so doing.

3. This, despite the fact that the Soviets have refused mutual inspection or open skies policy because they wish to hide their warlike preparations from the world.

4. Admit that we have indeed been flying high altitude and completely harmless reconnaissance balloons over all interesting parts of the earth's surface in order to be warned of massive military preparations of any and all kinds, most especially concentrations of offensive arms or capabilities.

5. Announce that we are prepared to invite a UN inspection team to our launching operations to ensure them that the vehicles are harmless and have built-in safety features.

NRO review(s) completed.

TS - 155062
Page 1 of 2
Copy 1 of 8

DS 58-1974-A1

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R002500100001-5

TOP SECRET

250272
034387

6. Announce that we are prepared to turn over to the UN all photography obtained from high altitude balloons, including that taken over the US.

7. Announce that what we have obtained to date shows: extra-long runways, missile launching sites, massive munitions concentrations, very large triple security areas to which no foreigner is admitted, large concentrations of long-range submarines equipped to fire missiles, great concentrations of bombers, etc., and ask: Why is the Soviet hiding them? What is it they do not want the world to know? Are the objects in these photographs preparations for defense alone? (Obviously we could include U-2 take -- impossible to tell from what platform a photo was taken)

8. Offer, under UN supervision, to continue a stepped-up high-altitude balloon recon program and, if desirable, add high altitude plane recon so that the Security Council could be kept currently abreast of all military preparations throughout the world. Obviously, we would invite the USSR to participate as well as other nations. The main requirement in the case of airplane or other manned vehicle recon would be that an authorized UN observer and/or a representative of the country to be overflown go along.

9. What this may suggest is the desirability of:

a. Deliberately dropping a 461L package in order to stimulate the protest so that the above course of action could be initiated,

b. Taking bull by horns, if we get away without a protest and just offering systems and take for operation under UN control as above outlined.

Fred. Ayer

FREDERICK AYER, JR.

Consultant to the Secretary of the Air Force

Copy 1 - Addressee ✓
2 - Mr. Quarles
3 - Mr. Douglas
4 - Mr. Cumming
5 - Gen. Cutler
6 - Mr. Ayer


TS - 155062
Page 2 of 2
Copy 1 of 8

TOP SECRET

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R002500100001-5
SIGNATURE RECORD AND COVER SHEET

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION		REGISTRY	
SOURCE		CIA CONTROL NO.	
<u>R.M. Bissell (SA/DPD)</u>		<u>164981</u>	
DOC. NO.		DATE DOCUMENT RECEIVED	
DOC. DATE <u>26 Apr 58</u>		<u>28 Apr 58</u>	
COPY NO. <u>1,2,3</u>		LOGGED BY	
NUMBER OF PAGES <u>1</u>		<u>HS</u>	
NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS			
<u>Travelling with 164981 & 164978</u>			

ATTENTION: This form will be placed on top of and attached to each Top Secret document received by the Central Intelligence Agency or classified Top Secret within the CIA and will remain attached to the document until such time as it is downgraded, destroyed, or transmitted outside of CIA. Access to Top Secret matter is limited to Top Secret Control personnel and those individuals whose official duties relate to the matter. Top Secret Control Officers who receive and/or release the attached Top Secret material will sign this form and indicate period of custody in the left-hand columns provided. Each individual who sees the Top Secret document will sign and indicate the date of handling in the right-hand columns.

REFERRED TO	RECEIVED			RELEASED		SEEN BY	
OFFICE	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME	SIGNATURE AND OFFICE	DATE
<u>Exec Reg</u>		<u>4/28/58</u>		<u>4/28/58</u>			
<u>DDCI</u>		<u>4/28</u>	<u>X</u>				
<u>ER</u>							
<u>25X1</u>							

NOTICE OF DETACHMENT: When this form is detached from Top Secret material it shall be completed in the appropriate spaces below and transmitted to Central Top Secret Control for record.

DOWNGRADED		DESTROYED		DISPATCHED (OUTSIDE CIA)	
TO		BY (Signature)		TO	
BY (Signature)		WITNESSED BY (Signature)		BY (Signature)	
DATE		DATE		OFFICE	DATE

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R002500100001-5

TOP SECRET

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

26 April 1958

I am returning herewith the memorandum from Mr. Ayer about the 461-L Project. As I suggested when I saw you on Saturday, 26 April, I have written him a note which may serve in lieu of any formal action or comment by you at this time. According to his own memorandum he is leaving for Europe on the 28th so I do not see that he can do anything more about this matter until his return on 5 May.

I do not think there is anything you have to do about this in the meanwhile. I fear, however, that you will eventually have to express your views to the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and quite possibly the President. As of this moment, I hesitate to recommend what your views should be. I feel we probably need some further internal discussions after my return.

RMB
RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.

✓ cc: General Cabell

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R002500100001-5

SIGNATURE RECORD AND COVER SHEET

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION		REGISTRY	
SOURCE SA/DPD(Bissell)		CIA CONTROL NO. 164981	
DOC. NO.		DATE DOCUMENT RECEIVED 4/28/58	
DOC. DATE 26 Apr 58		LOGGED BY HS	
COPY NO. 2, 3			
NUMBER OF PAGES 1			
NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS w/164978 and 164981			

ATTENTION: This form will be placed on top of and attached to each Top Secret document received by the Central Intelligence Agency or classified Top Secret within the CIA and will remain attached to the document until such time as it is downgraded, destroyed, or transmitted outside of CIA. Access to Top Secret matter is limited to Top Secret Control personnel and those individuals whose official duties relate to the matter. Top Secret Control Officers who receive and/or release the attached Top Secret material will sign this form and indicate period of custody in the left-hand columns provided. Each individual who sees the Top Secret document will sign and indicate the date of handling in the right-hand columns.

REFERRED TO OFFICE	RECEIVED			RELEASED		SEEN BY	
	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME	SIGNATURE AND OFFICE	DATE
Exec Reg		4/28/58		4/28/58			
25X1							

NOTICE OF DETACHMENT: When this form is detached from Top Secret material it shall be completed in the appropriate spaces below and transmitted to Central Top Secret Control for record.

DOWNGRADED		DESTROYED		DISPATCHED (OUTSIDE CIA)	
TO	BY (Signature)	TO		BY (Signature)	
BY (Signature)	WITNESSED BY (Signature)	BY (Signature)			
DATE	DATE	OFFICE		DATE	

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R002500100001-5

TOP SECRET

250272

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

The Director, upon noting the attached, indicated he would like to have your views on this.

*Comments given orally
to Mr. DeLoach Mr. B.*



3 May 58

(DATE)

250272

FORM NO. 101 REPLACES FORM 10-101
1 AUG 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.

(47)

25X1

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R000500100001-5

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION		REGISTRY
SOURCE		CIA CONTROL NO.
AFCIN		034387
DOC. NO. TS#155062 DS 58-1974-A1		DATE DOCUMENT RECEIVED
DOC. DATE 24 April 1958		30 April 1958
COPY NO. 1		LOGGED BY
NUMBER OF PAGES 2 pages total		aca
NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS		
none		

[illegible]

DOWNGRADED		DESTROYED		DISPATCHED (<i>OUTSIDE CIA</i>)	
TO		BY (<i>Signature</i>)		TO	
BY (<i>Signature</i>)		WITNESSED BY (<i>Signature</i>)		BY (<i>Signature</i>)	
DATE		DATE		OFFICE	
				DATE	

Approved For Release 2004/07/08 : CIA-RDP80B01676R002500100001-5